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Edward Sins	Treasurer
Elmer Benson	Secretary
Lillian M. Hooker	Past President

THE MINT DIRECTOR'S PRONOUNCEMENTS: Stu's Views

Dear Coin Collectors:

First, I would like to thank Lillian Hooker for taking on one more job that had to be done--that of swearing-in the officers for 1982.

Next, I am still in a quandry as to how I am going to produce a Show and Convention that has been run so smoothly by your Past President Lillian Hooker. This is a hard act to follow, but I am going to give it a good try.

I would like to thank everyone that has volunteered to help run the Show and Convention for 1982--that is one of the things that must be done.

Thanks to Ed Sins for his part in providing a schedule of coin shows twice a year. This work takes time to put together.

There will be a few small changes in the Board of Directors which I hope will make for an improvement.

The year's Show and Convention will include an Auction which is going to be on a trial basis.

There will be a pre-sale of Raffle tickets to the members and the nineteen clubs that belong to NCNA. Buy five tickets and get one free. This year we are going to have one \$10.00 U.S. Gold Piece, one \$5.00 U.S. Gold Piece, and three BU U.S. silver dollars.

At the February 21st Board Meeting after the business session, there was a dinner for all workers of last year's Show and Convention.

For all concerned, NCNA now has tentative contracts with the Jack Tar Hotel through 1985.

We have two members who are on the sick list: Dr. Aby and Carl Wilson. Get well soon fellows; we all miss you!

Stuart Denton
NCNA President

POSTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: News and Happenings

Enclosed with this Fifth Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales is a brochure on the Brasher Doubloon.

This brochure was provided free by Bowers and Ruddy Galleries. On behalf of NCNA and its members, I thank Mr. William D. Hawfield, Jr., Bowers and Ruddy Galleries' President, for this generous donation--Editor.

THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

It is hard to believe that this Issue, the Fifth Issue, is also the First Anniversary Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales. Over a year ago--in November, 1980--when I committed myself to be NCNA Heads and Tales' Founding Editor, I charted and set my course across a sea completely unknown.

There have been times since that embarkation date that this periodical has been an albatross upon me and when it seemed that I was a pilot with no wings and out of prayers.

However, here is NCNA Heads and Tales today, and after a year and five issues that should be cause for some joy.

When I began compiling, writing, typing, having printed, correlating and stapling pages, addressing, and mailing this periodical, the motto selected was "to promote and to serve northern California numismatics". What is asked of NCNA Heads and Tales readers is these questions: has this Editor been true to that motto?, has our hobby been made somewhat better with this simple periodical?, and has NCNA itself been improved? Your candid and constructive answers would be welcomed.

Whatever the evaluation of NCNA Heads and Tales, NCNA and myself are pledged to continue with this quarterly periodical. Why? No matter how it could be changed or improved, this periodical serves as that most necessary element in any organization and hobby: Communication.

Communication is the first step in learning and knowledge, and without a doubt, free and open communication is paramount for a democracy and republic, as this United States, to exist.

Changing to another topic, during this past year, I have come to hear criticism and complaint with NCNA which generally voices these judgements that NCNA is solely its major September Show and Convention or that it is run by a 'San Jose click'.

These broadly based judgements might be somewhat factual, and equally there can be no denying that NCNA could improve. However, what is easily overlooked by NCNA critics, which there are several, is this most important fact: an organization is only as good as its members, several of whom are critics of this organization. Moreover, NCNA officers are dedicated in their efforts to improve NCNA.

It is common for this or any organization to have those members as well as outsiders who criticize and complain. What is not so common is for the critics to stand up and do something constructive.

Changes take time, and reforms cannot succeed overnight. NCNA has

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GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

NCNA 1982 September Show and Convention

Here is the date for this year's NCNA annual four day Show and Convention at the Jack Tar Hotel, Geary and Van Ness, San Francisco: "September 23, 24, 25, and 26".

As has been true in the past, this four day event will feature major coin dealers from across the country. Denis M. Hooker will again coordinate the Bourse. Mr. Hooker can be reached at "65 Post, San Jose, CA, 95113; 408-295-1488".

NCNA President Stuart Denton has appointed Brian Kestner to be in charge of Security and Bill Morgan to take care of Exhibits. Lillian Hooker will handle the Registration Desk.

There will be a Raffle at this year's Show and Convention. The Prizes are:

First--\$10.00 United States Gold Eagle
Second--\$5.00 United States Gold Half Eagle
Three Third--Choice Uncirculated Silver Dollars

The drawing for this Raffle will be at 3:00 PM, Sunday, September 26th. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or a book of six (6) for \$5.00. Tickets will be mailed out with the Sixth Issue, July Edition, of NCNA Heads and Tales. Fred Lutjens is Raffle Coordinator, and he can be reached at "427 Capp, San Francisco, CA, 94110".

NCNA members, both Individuals and Clubs, are encouraged to try their luck in this Raffle. It is hoped that if this Raffle is successful it might be a regular annual feature at the NCNA Show and Convention.

A major highlight of this year's Show and Convention will be an Auction by Pacific Auction Galleries which has offices in Santa Barbara and Tokyo, Japan. Tentative plans have the Auction to begin at 7:30 PM in the Jack Tar Hotel's Cathedral Hill Room A. Dates and details will be announced in the next issue.

Ron J. Gillio, who represents this firm, states a catalog will be available. Those desiring more information on this Auction are encouraged to contact:

Pacific Auction Galleries
1103 State
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
800-235-6937
805-963-1345

NCNA Board of Directors Meetings

The 1982 quarterly Meetings of the NCNA Board of Directors are:

May 23, 1982
August 22, 1982
November 28, 1982

Please note that the November date has been changed from the date reported in the previous issue of NCNA Heads and Tales.

Again, NCNA invites Member Clubs to send a voting delegate to these Sunday afternoon Meetings. The Meetings begin at 1:30 PM and are held at the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco. Check at the Registration Desk for room location.

NCNA Membership

If you have not paid your 1982 dues, please do and send your dues--\$2.00 for Individual Membership and \$3.00 for Club Membership--to "Edward Sins, NCNA Treasurer, PO Box 5075, San Jose, CA, 95150". Also, please inform NCNA if there are any changes with your name or mailing address.

If you do not pay this year's dues, this might be your last issue of NCNA Heads of Tales that you receive.

NCNA Services

As a meeting program assistance for Coin Clubs, NCNA has purchased six (6) slide sets.

Presently, these slide sets are handled by NCNA Treasurer Edward Sins. Coin Clubs are invited to borrow and view these slide sets. To reserve and borrow a set, contact "Edward Sins, NCNA Treasurer, PO Box 5075, San Jose, CA, 95150". Please include with your request your Club's full name plus current mailing address with Zip Code.

The simple rules in borrowing these sets are as follows. First, the sets are available on a 'First-come-First-served' bases. Also, in sending your request, please request and identify sets by both number and title. In addition, a borrowing Club is asked to pay for insured mailing in both directions and to include remittance with its request to pay for mailing to its Club. Furthermore, please return promptly when done, and a set must be insured for \$50.00 value. Remember, a borrowing Club is responsible for any damage or loss.

NCNA Slide Sets

Listed on the next page are the sets that are currently available, all from Seaby's, a leading British numismatic firm.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Slides</u>
SS #2	The Twelve Caesars	30
SS #3	English Hammered Gold Coins	30
SS #5	English Silver Coins	30
SS #1	Greek Coins	30
SS #8	Coins of the Bible Days	22
SS #10	United States Gold Coins	30

Remember, in sending in your Club's request, please order slide sets by both number and title.

Future Dates of NCNA's Show and Conventions

Here is a listing for future NCNA annual Show and Conventions:

1983--September 23, 24, 25, and 26
 1984--September 20, 21, 22, and 23
 1985--September 20, 21, 22, and 23

As is true this year and has been true for many past years, these Show and Conventions will be at the Jack Tar Hotel, Geary and Van Ness, San Francisco, California.

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a twenty year history and still has a long future. With time, NCNA can be made better, but only if members are willing to give of their time and effort to do the work to make things better.

I believe Abraham Lincoln once said words to the effect that if one looks for the bad in people he or she is bound to find it. The same can be applied to NCNA. If all one is looking for or at is bad or wrong, than he or she is blind to what good exists.

There are some who seek to find the good in NCNA, and they work together to do their share to serve and to improve NCNA. I challenge the critics to attend the next Board of Directors Meeting on May 23rd and begin to do their share.

Best Wishes and Thanks.

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Turrini
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 Editor

BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these Coin Clubs:

San Francisco Coin Club
California State Numismatic Association
Fremont Coin Club
San Jose Coin Club
Gateway Coin Club
Liberty Numismatic Society
Delta Coin Club
Diablo Numismatic Society
Fairfield Coin Club
Cupertino Coin Club
Peninsula Coin Club
Redwood Empire Coin Club
Vallejo Numismatic Society
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

San Francisco Coin Club Big event recently was its 19th Annual San Francisco Coin Fair held last March 28th at the Jack Tar Hotel. At its January 26th meeting, RAYMOND H. CLARY spoke on Golden Gate Park. HANS HANSSON, SFCC's Vice-President, exhibited a collection of Washington Pieces, dated from 1783-1795, that were loaned for display at the February 23rd meeting. The March 24th meeting had GARY L. HOLLOWAY speak on New Zealand. ROSE HUNTINGTON, long-time and honored SFCC member, has retired as Editor of the Two Cents Worth, SFCC's newsletter. O. L. WALLIS with the March issue became the new Editor.

California State Numismatic Association Again reminds NCNAers that its two 1982 Conventions will on April 16-18 at the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco and on October 23-25 at the Sheraton/Anaheim Hotel in Anaheim. Both Conventions are described as 'multi-events' with bourse, exhibits, speakers, programs, and banquet.

Fremont Coin Club Continues its strong lead in our hobby with active membership and programs. FCC held its annual Banquet last January 9th with 92 members and guests present. I attended and had an excellent time with good food and fun. March 9th meeting speaker was long-time and honored FCC member RON MILLER on Coin Grading. March 23rd meeting had a coin quiz presented by MIKE SUTTON. TOM LORIMER at the February 9th meeting spoke on Home Safes. Someone named MICHAEL S. TURRINI, an unknown outsider from Vallejo, spoke on Canadian Commemorative Dollars at the February 23rd meeting. May 11th is the date for the FCC's Mini-Coin Show which is the time for all FCC members to participate in a Swap Meet. The FCC is having contest to name its newsletter, and in NCNA Heads and Tales Sixth Issue, this July, the new name will be reported. The FCC is an outstanding Coin Club, and I strongly invite NCNAers to travel and visit their meetings and Coin Show which is in August.

San Jose Coin Club Had ED SINS, long-time SJCC member, speak on "The History of the San Jose Coin Club Medals" at the January 20th meeting. This talk was tape-recorded to be placed in the SJCC's Historian's records. The SJCC still has available both silver and bronze medals for several previous years. The prices are \$15.00 for silver (plus \$2.00 for insured first class mailing) and \$2.00 for bronze (plus 40¢ for first class mailing). Interested NCNAers should write directly to SJCC at "PO Box 5621, San Jose, CA, 95150". CAL WILSON spoke at the March 17th on Numismatic Literature. An 'Honor Roll' as "perpetual tribute to members who have given outstanding service to the Club over a long period of time" has been established with one name to be added annually. The first SJCC member to be so honored is RUDY GJUROVICH.

Gateway Coin Club Continues to issue its semi-monthly newsletter. January 21st meeting had JERE R. LEFEVER speaking on "A Numismatist's Guide to Bidding and Buying at an Auction". The GCC has had and continues to have some strong auctions: at the February 4th meeting, there 107 lots. The Club recently voted to organize its auctions' lots by denomination, so "it will make looking up prices a lot easier and no more searching for the different coins". Now, that is an interesting idea. The February 4th meeting, the GCC's Newsletter reported, ended at 12:00 Midnight, but "some of the members didn't leave until 1:00AM"! That coupled with the large auctions and great programs clearly shows the GCC is a group of strong and dedicated coin collectors. Bingo Night was February 18th, and STEVE CRISCIONE and ELLEN RUST won the 'Postage Stamp Bingo'. Now, would someone inform this Editor what type of Bingo is that? Never heard of such animal. May 15 and 16 are the dates for the GCC's Annual Merced Coin and Stamp Show. The place, both Saturday and Sunday, will be Merced Mall on West Olive Avenue in Merced, hours 10-6. JERE R. LEFEVER is both the Coin Show and Bourse Chairmen. For further information, call 209-383-6348.

Liberty Numismatic Society Had BILL BENNETT, BILL MORGAN, ED FULWIDER, and STU DENTON talking about Exhibiting at its January 5th meeting. JIM ROSEN spoke on Large Cents at the February 2nd meeting, and BILL MORGAN spoke at the March 2nd meeting on New Zealand Dollars. Now, that is a nice series and varied numismatic talks.

Delta Coin Club Elected its 1982 officers: KATHY HIRNING, President; RUBEN SMITH, III, Vice-President; SYD HASS, Treasurer; BEE GRIMM, Recording Secretary, and JOAN LACKYARD, Corresponding Secretary. Newly elected President KATHY HIRNING has announced her theme will be '1982--Membership Population Boom' which will involve a contest and prizes. November 20 and 21 have been selected for the DCC annual Coin Show at the Eagle's Hall. ELDEN ENZMINGER and LORIS ENZMINGER will handle Bourse and Raffle respectfully. May 14th will be 'Monte Carlo Nite' with members attending getting two thousand dollars--in play money! The DCC February newsletter ended with this quote: "Middle age is when you are sitting home on Saturday night and the phone rings and you hope it's not for you!".

Diablo Numismatic Society Had one of the leading numismatists in northern California speak at its February 18th meeting: OSMYN STOUT on "Numismatis in China Today". March 18th meeting was Other Hobbies, a traditional favorite of many Coin Clubs. At the January 21st meeting, the DNS 1982 officers were elected: DENNIS DANIEL, President; SAM RUMPH, Vice-President; NORMAN GARROP, Treasurer, and ALANA GARROP, Secretary. GEORGE BARTLETT, first member to be chosen a Life Member of the DNS, recently donated a collection of Diablo Die-Breaks, the DNS's newsletter, from First Issue in March, 1963 to April, 1967. DENNIS DANIEL, Editor, noted in reporting on this donation "that this club newsletter is the best record of our club's history" which is a very true statement for any and all Coin Clubs.

Fairfield Coin Club Has begun 1982 with new spirit and hope. Its 1982 officers are: RON KELICHNER, Sr., President; NORM NUNES, Vice-President; JAN HENKE, Secretary, and RICH NEILY, Treasurer. The FCC under NORM NUNES direction has placed a display in the local public library for National Coin Week. FCC, which I recently joined, has a bright future.

Cupertino Coin Club Began this year with JIM GLOVER speaking on "Types of Collections" with slides at its January 8th meeting. Mr. GLOVER has been collecting only four and one-half years and branched from United States and Canadian into world-wide with over 30,000 coins in his world collection. JOE VARGO spoke on "Coins--Past, Present, and Future" at the February 5th meeting. February 28th was the date of this year's CCC Coin Show. The Exhibit winners were: GLEN JACOBS, Best of Show; Adults: GARY ACQUISTAPACE, First; AL LO, Second, and CAROL CORVORUBIUS, Third, and Juniors: JENNIFER LO, First; TROY LACROIX, Second, and STEVE JARAMILLO, Third.

Peninsula Coin Club Meets the Third Monday of each month in the Garden Room of the Northern California Savings Building, 300 Hamilton, Palo Alto. Interesting article in March newsletter on Primitive Money: "The commonest of these are cowries and beads. Cowries seem to have been used from China and India eastward to the Pacific Islands, to have travelled across Africa from East to West, and even penetrated America. Beads in some form or other seem to have travelled nearly as far as the cowrie, and to have been generally accepted as currency".

Redwood Empire Coin Club Elected its 1982 officers: STEVE MARSHALL, President; JACK FREE, Vice-President; HELEN ROBERTS, Treasurer, and BILL FIEST, Secretary. RECC dues are the same as in 1949, only \$2.00, which, I am sure, is a record. What club has not raised its dues in the past few years? The regular Six-Month's Raffle was won by GEORGE FARNSWORTH. SHARON FOMIN talked at the February 10th meeting on Exhibiting with One Coin. OZZIE STOUT spoke on his recent China Trip at the March 10th meeting.

Vallejo Numismatic Society My home Coin Club will hold its Tenth Anniversary Annual Vallejo Coin Show this April 25th, hours 10-5,

at Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Vallejo. The major attractions of this year's Coin Show will be WALTER G. GERTH's award-winning and nationally known "Odd and Curious Money" exhibit and appearance of CHARLES G. COLVER, CSNA Vice-President, representing Krause Publications. The VNS 1982 officers are: O. L. WALLIS, President; JAMES A. MURPHY, Vice-President; MICHAEL LOSADO, Secretary, and MICHAEL S. TURRINI, Treasurer. At the March 3rd meeting, there was a Special Coin Quiz borrowed from the Fremont Coin Club which was won by GENE FEIERSTEIN who claimed a Bicentennial Proof Set as his prize. April 7th meeting will be the annual Hobby Night with BOB BERG, VNS Editor, again promising to have a N-gauge model railroad layout that is in working order.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Had as its March 31st meeting program "How I Got Started in Numismatics". MAXINE BRYCE, PCNS long-time Secretary and Editor, has returned home from a long hospital stay. The 1982 PCNS officers are: LORI REPPETEAU, President; OSMYN STOUT, Vice-President; DON T. THRALL, Treasurer, and MAXINE BRYCE, Secretary. This most honored and renowned of Coin Clubs will celebrate its 800th Meeting this November. This will certainly be an unique record among Coin Clubs.

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